AP Computer Science A
1999 Sample Student Responses

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   3. Normalize the result.

   Complete member function `Div2` below.

```
void BigInt::Div2()
// precondition:  BigInt ≥ 0
{
    int carryDown = 0, d;
    for(int i = myNumDigits-1; i >= 0; i--)
    {
       d = GetDigit(i);
       ChangeDigit(i, (d/2) + carryDown);
       carryDown = (d%2) * 5;
    }
    Normalize();
}
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{
   BigInt  low(0), high(dividend), mid;
   while(low != high)
   {
      mid = (low + high + 1);
      mid.Div2();
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         high = mid - 1;
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 BigInt low(0); high(dividend);
 BigInt mid, quotient(1);
  while (low != high) {
     mid = (low + high +1);
     mid.Div2();
      quotient = mid * divisor;
      if  (dividend > quotient) low = mid;
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  }
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   {
      mid = (low + high + 1)
      mid.Div2();
   }
   if (low == high)
      break;
   BigInt quot (mid);
   return quot;
}
```


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